

Statement on HB 490 faxed on Feb. 14, 2011 to the House Judiciary Committee by Jeanette Zentgraf:

The Bible inspired me to believe that life begins at conception. Jer. 1:5 and Psalm 139:13 The people that I have worked with over the years in various capacities have convinced me that nothing is more heart-breaking for a woman than the memory of having an abortion. These women cry brokenly at those remembrances. If those who oppose HB 490 believe that only insignificant tissue is aborted, the women who had abortions know better. My husband and I value our Montana Constitution and its sanction of privacy, but privacy is no longer our greatest concern. We care more about the unborn baby and we hope that you do, also.

My life experiences, which have put me in contact with many women over a 50 year period allowed me to see the broken-heartedness, mentioned above. Besides being a wife, mother and now grandmother, I have been a public school teacher, young adults Sunday school teacher, a member of the Three Village School Board's drug advisory committee, which relied heavily on contacts with Teen Challenge and the Director of Pilgrim State Mental Hospital. I was vice-chairman of the Governor appointed Stony Brook Council, which advised the Governor about issues affecting the community which abuts the State University at NY.

When the Supreme Court supported abortion in Roe v Wade, it was clearly acknowledged in those days that no one truly knew when life began. DNA and modern science support the intent of this Bill, life begins at conception and babies deserve to live.

My husband said, " If the living tissue created during conception and killed during abortion is not a human then pray tell us what it is."

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